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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Stuart J. Kurschner, DOB: 6/19/68, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Madison to 18 months in prison for the interstate sale of stolen goods. Kurschner was also ordered to pay restitution of \$211,694.40 and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine. He pleaded guilty to this charge on August 23, 2006.

Between October 2002 and March 2005, Kurschner stole computers from Luther Midelfort Hospital in Eau Claire, his former employer, and auctioned them over eBay, Inc. During an internal investigation, the hospital discovered that approximately 200 new and used computers had been stolen from its central receiving area and computer lab. A search of Kurschner's home and car turned up additional evidence that he had been selling the computers under the name "Power Gear".

The charges against Kurshner were the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Eau Claire Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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